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**From:** Rodrigues, Cecil [rodrigues.cecil@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 12/17/2015 6:57:01 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Contact by NY Times Magazine Reporter  
**Attachments:** Bilott.2.pdf

Deb and Catherine: FYI. NY Times Magazine reporter inquiries about PFOA. Since you both have sites where there is a concern I thought you should be aware.

Thanks. Cecil.  
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**From:** Kier, Lori  
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**To:** Rodrigues, Cecil <rodrigues.cecil@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Contact by NY Times Magazine Reporter

As mentioned. Please advise if you wish to receive all the email traffic on this.

HQ OPA contact is Dan Abrams.

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**From:** Kier, Lori  
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**Subject:** Contact by NY Times Magazine Reporter

Mary,

I wanted to let you know that late yesterday, I received a voice mail message from a New York Times Magazine reporter in one of my matters, a Safe Drinking Water Act Order that we issued to DuPont a few years ago for PFOA contamination of public and private water supplies in the vicinity of the Washington Works, WV plant. (Region 5 is also a party to that Order as the contamination has spread to the Ohio side of the river where the plant is located).

In particular, the reporter indicated that he was interested in the timing of EPA's plan to issue a health advisory "action level." He learned about the action level from a private attorney who has represented individuals affected by DuPont's drinking water contamination, Robert Bilott. (See attached for a recent letter from EPA [WPD] to Mr. Bilott on this topic; presumably the reporter has this letter which is how he came up with my contact information).

Upon receiving the call, I forwarded it to David Sternberg. (My R5 counterpart received the same message, which she shared with her press office as well). David quickly identified that HQ should respond to the call because it is a national issue, and the action level will be issued by HQ. I also shared this information with ORC's CC, Bill Smith.

At this point, I understand that HQ will in fact be responding to the reporter inquiry, and I have shared some information with the HQ Office of Public Affairs.

Please let me know if you would like any additional information about this press inquiry.

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